

TABLE B-45.—Unemployment insurance programs, selected data, 1978–2007

[Thousands of persons, except as noted]

| Year or month | All programs | | | State programs | | | | | Benefits paid | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------------------|---|---|----|--|---|
| | Covered employment ¹ | Insured unemployment (weekly average) ^{2,3} | Total benefits paid (millions of dollars) ^{2,4} | Insured unemployment (weekly average) ³ | Initial claims (weekly average) | Exhaustions (weekly average) ⁵ | Insured unemployment as percent of covered employment | | Total (millions of dollars) ⁴ | Average weekly check (dollars) ⁶ |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1978 | 88,804 | 2,645 | 9,007 | 2,359 | 346 | 39 | 3.3 | | 7,717 | 83.67 |
| 1979 | 92,062 | 2,592 | 9,401 | 2,434 | 388 | 39 | 2.9 | | 8,613 | 89.67 |
| 1980 | 92,659 | 3,837 | 16,175 | 3,350 | 488 | 59 | 3.9 | | 13,761 | 98.95 |
| 1981 | 93,300 | 3,410 | 15,287 | 3,047 | 460 | 57 | 3.5 | | 13,262 | 106.70 |
| 1982 | 91,628 | 4,592 | 24,481 | 4,059 | 583 | 80 | 4.6 | | 20,649 | 119.34 |
| 1983 | 91,898 | 3,774 | 20,988 | 3,395 | 438 | 80 | 3.9 | | 18,549 | 123.59 |
| 1984 | 96,474 | 2,560 | 13,739 | 2,475 | 377 | 50 | 2.8 | | 13,237 | 123.47 |
| 1985 | 99,186 | 2,699 | 15,217 | 2,617 | 397 | 49 | 2.9 | | 14,707 | 128.11 |
| 1986 | 101,099 | 2,739 | 16,563 | 2,643 | 378 | 52 | 2.8 | | 15,950 | 135.65 |
| 1987 | 103,936 | 2,369 | 14,684 | 2,300 | 328 | 46 | 2.4 | | 14,211 | 140.39 |
| 1988 | 107,156 | 2,135 | 13,481 | 2,081 | 310 | 38 | 2.0 | | 13,086 | 144.74 |
| 1989 | 109,929 | 2,205 | 14,569 | 2,158 | 330 | 37 | 2.1 | | 14,205 | 151.43 |
| 1990 | 111,500 | 2,575 | 18,387 | 2,522 | 388 | 45 | 2.4 | | 17,932 | 161.20 |
| 1991 | 109,606 | 3,406 | 26,327 | 3,342 | 447 | 67 | 3.2 | | 25,479 | 169.56 |
| 1992 | 110,167 | 3,348 | ^a 26,035 | 3,245 | 408 | 74 | 3.1 | | 25,056 | 173.38 |
| 1993 | 112,146 | 2,845 | ^a 22,629 | 2,751 | 341 | 62 | 2.6 | | 21,661 | 179.41 |
| 1994 | 115,255 | 2,746 | 22,508 | 2,670 | 340 | 57 | 2.4 | | 21,537 | 181.91 |
| 1995 | 118,068 | 2,639 | 21,991 | 2,572 | 357 | 51 | 2.3 | | 21,226 | 187.04 |
| 1996 | 120,567 | 2,656 | 22,495 | 2,595 | 356 | 53 | 2.2 | | 21,820 | 189.27 |
| 1997 | 121,044 | 2,370 | 20,324 | 2,323 | 323 | 48 | 1.9 | | 19,735 | 192.84 |
| 1998 | 124,184 | 2,260 | 19,941 | 2,222 | 321 | 44 | 1.8 | | 19,431 | 200.58 |
| 1999 | 127,042 | 2,223 | 21,024 | 2,188 | 298 | 44 | 1.7 | | 20,563 | 212.10 |
| 2000 | 129,877 | 2,146 | 20,983 | 2,110 | 301 | 41 | 1.6 | | 20,507 | 221.01 |
| 2001 | 129,636 | 3,012 | 32,228 | 2,974 | 404 | 54 | 2.3 | | 31,680 | 238.07 |
| 2002 | 128,234 | 3,624 | ^a 42,980 | 3,585 | 407 | 85 | 2.8 | | 47,251 | 256.79 |
| 2003 | 127,796 | 3,573 | ^a 42,413 | 3,531 | 404 | 85 | 2.8 | | 43,159 | 261.67 |
| 2004 | 129,278 | 2,999 | ^a 36,641 | 2,950 | 345 | 68 | 2.3 | | 35,776 | 262.50 |
| 2005 | 131,572 | 2,709 | ^a 32,073 | 2,661 | 328 | 55 | 2.0 | | 31,238 | 266.63 |
| 2006 | 133,834 | 2,521 | ^a 30,640 | 2,476 | 313 | 51 | 1.9 | | 29,800 | 277.20 |
| 2007 ^p | | 2,612 | ^a 31,275 | 2,571 | 324 | 51 | | | 30,552 | 287.71 |
| 2006: Jan | | 3,385 | 3,433.5 | 2,527 | 291 | 59 | 2.0 | ** | 3,345.7 | 274.18 |
| Feb | | 3,043 | 2,916.2 | 2,493 | 303 | 61 | 1.9 | | 2,841.5 | 277.71 |
| Mar | | 2,653 | 3,051.9 | 2,455 | 307 | 56 | 1.9 | | 2,974.6 | 280.61 |
| Apr | | 2,662 | 2,477.4 | 2,437 | 312 | 58 | 1.9 | | 2,408.6 | 278.97 |
| May | | 2,268 | 2,486.2 | 2,425 | 328 | 52 | 1.9 | | 2,419.8 | 277.36 |
| June | | 2,171 | 2,273.8 | 2,435 | 309 | 46 | 1.9 | | 2,215.8 | 275.16 |
| July | | 2,639 | 2,449.5 | 2,466 | 313 | 54 | 1.9 | | 2,388.2 | 271.15 |
| Aug | | 2,267 | 2,483.6 | 2,478 | 317 | 47 | 1.9 | | 2,415.8 | 271.21 |
| Sept | | 2,092 | 2,076.9 | 2,441 | 315 | 44 | 1.9 | | 2,018.4 | 277.58 |
| Oct | | 2,283 | 2,318.4 | 2,433 | 314 | 47 | 1.9 | | 2,251.0 | 279.30 |
| Nov | | 2,221 | 2,330.2 | 2,458 | 325 | 45 | 1.9 | | 2,258.3 | 280.76 |
| Dec | | 2,633 | 2,605.9 | 2,457 | 320 | 47 | 1.9 | | 2,538.1 | 283.61 |
| 2007: Jan | | 3,163 | 3,591.5 | 2,488 | 311 | 56 | 1.9 | | 3,509.8 | 287.20 |
| Feb | | 3,104 | 3,122.7 | 2,553 | 337 | 51 | 1.9 | | 3,056.3 | 290.49 |
| Mar | | 2,741 | 3,052.2 | 2,513 | 317 | 48 | 1.9 | | 2,987.0 | 290.62 |
| Apr | | 2,833 | 2,890.7 | 2,536 | 327 | 58 | 1.9 | | 2,828.3 | 288.90 |
| May | | 2,240 | 2,602.8 | 2,496 | 306 | 52 | 1.9 | | 2,544.6 | 288.94 |
| June | | 2,281 | 2,297.7 | 2,527 | 319 | 48 | 1.9 | | 2,248.3 | 284.23 |
| July | | 2,705 | 2,771.3 | 2,547 | 307 | 55 | 1.9 | | 2,711.8 | 279.60 |
| Aug | | 2,272 | 2,543.1 | 2,578 | 324 | 47 | 2.0 | | 2,483.9 | 281.22 |
| Sept | | 2,346 | 2,222.2 | 2,534 | 313 | 48 | 1.9 | | 2,166.4 | 286.52 |
| Oct | | 2,259 | 2,589.2 | 2,553 | 326 | 51 | 1.9 | | 2,520.5 | 289.42 |
| Nov | | 2,274 | 2,426.4 | 2,606 | 339 | 46 | 2.0 | | 2,364.2 | 289.94 |
| Dec ^p | | 3,070 | 3,074.5 | 2,700 | 342 | 54 | 2.0 | | 3,004.0 | 294.50 |

** Monthly data are seasonally adjusted.

¹ Through 1996, includes persons under the following programs: State, Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE), Railroad Retirement Board (RRB), and Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Servicemembers (UCX). Beginning with 1997, covered employment data are under the State and UCFE programs only. Workers covered by State programs account for about 97 percent of wage and salary earners.

Covered employment data beginning 2001 are based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Prior data are based on the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC).

² Includes State, UCFE, RRB, and UCX. Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Federal Supplemental Benefits (FSB), Special Unemployment Assistance (SUA), Federal Supplemental Compensation, Emergency Unemployment Compensation, and Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation (TEUC) programs.³ Covered workers who have completed at least one week of unemployment.⁴ Annual data are net amounts, and monthly data are gross amounts.⁵ Individuals receiving final payments in benefit year.⁶ For total unemployment only.⁷ Including Emergency Unemployment Compensation, total benefits paid for 1992 and 1993 would be approximately (in millions of dollars): for 1992, 39,990 and for 1993, 34,876.⁸ Including TEUC, total benefits paid (not including RRB program) would be approximately (in millions of dollars): for 2002, 52,709; 2003, 63,097; 2004, 37,932; 2005, 32,051; 2006, 30,588; and 2007, 31,233.

Note.—Insured unemployment and initial claims programs include Puerto Rican sugar cane workers.

Source: Department of Labor (Employment and Training Administration).